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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/491,910
Filing Date	January 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	PIPER, Todd E.
Group Art Unit	1638
Examiner Name	MEHTA, A.
Attorney Docket Number	P04354US0

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule; 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 26-0084
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 1,140.00 enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Heidi S. Nebel	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	37,719
Signature	May 16, 2002		

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 1,140.00)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit card Money Order Other None

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Deposit Account Number	26-0084
Deposit Account Name	McKee, Voorhees & Sease, P.L.C.

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
 Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee			
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee			
107 510	207 255	Plant filing fee			
108 740	208 370	Reissue filing fee			
114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee			
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)		0			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20** =	X	=
Independent Claims	- 3** =	X	=
Multiple Dependent			=

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		0

***or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above*

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification			
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination			
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month			
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month			400
117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month			
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month			
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month			
119 320	219 160	Notice of Appeal			
120 320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing			
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
141 1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional			
142 1,280	242 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
143 460	243 230	Design issue fee			
144 620	244 310	Plant issue fee			
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
123 50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
126 180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
146 740	246 370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
149 740	249 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
179 740	279 370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			740
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			
Other fee (specify) _____					

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid **SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)** 1,140

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